The South 40

On eliminating the Johnsongrass weed

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Extension Agent

Some soybean growers carry a bottle of Round-up to take out that occasional plant of Johnsongrass. We need to get dedicated about eliminating this weed. Each year it becomes a bigger problem. Fusilade and Poast can go over the top for Johnsongrass or use a wick applicator if the Johnsongrass is one foot or more above the soybean canopy.

Small weeds can be controlled very economically with directed sprays of Loxox, Lexone, Sencor, Paraquat and/or Butyrac or Butoxone. Adjust nozzles to cove the middles and do not spray more than 3 inches of the stem. Use low pressure. You will be amazed at the control at low cost.

"Soybean Update" last week quoted a Merrill Lynch market analyst, "That with good weather, prices may go to $5.90; or if the crop looks real good, prices may bottom at $5.30 to $5.40." Just a few weeks ago, future prices were over $7.00. Sure hope some of our growers locked in a portion of the bean crop at the top dollar.

While no one expects to see hybrid wheat become the major portion of the available varieties in the next year or two, it is being developed. Millions of dollars and many research hours are going into the development of a hybrid.

Making corn hybrids is relatively simple but wheat is more difficult. Wheat is usually self-pollinated; that is a flower is fertilized by its own pollen. The first hybrid wheats will not be 100 percent hybrid, but will contain a percentage of parental seeds. The federal seed law indicates that seeds must be 75 percent or more hybrid before they can be labeled as hybrids.

There are two methods of making hybrid wheat. One is through a genetically inherited system called Cytoplasmic Male-Sterility and the other is the use of a chemical Gametocide. With the genetic system, a parental line is developed that does not produce fertile pollen. This male-sterile parent is planted in separate drill rows beside a different parent that will produce an abundance of pollen.

Only the seed that is produced on the male-sterile parent will be harvested and sold as hybrid seed.

With the chemical production of hybrids, two wheat varieties will be planted in separate drill rows and one variety will be sprayed to prevent pollen production but does not kill the female part of the flower.

With good quality control, hybrid percentages have been relatively high--90 percent or greater.

Winds and heavy rain have put some summer annual grasses on the ground.

We've had several inquiries about when to harvest and value.

Foxtail or German Millet - Harvest when it's in the boot to early heading stage. There is virtually no regrowth. Usual yield runs 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 tons per acre. It contains no prussic acid.

Sudangrass - Should be a at least 2 feet tall before grazing or mechanically harvesting. Makes good regrowth. Harvest as hay prior to full head--preferably in boot stage.

Sorghum - Sudangrass - Do not harvest until it's at least 30 inches tall, but prior to heading. The heavy growth makes curing for hay difficult.

Forage Sorghum - Best use is to direct cut when heads are in soft dough stage. Generally only one cutting is made because of the late harvest date. Regrowth can be grazed after frost kills it back.

Sorghum-Sudan will often test 6.5 percent C.P. and 60 percent TDN. If buying or selling, one way to price it is on the basis of grass hay. If it's bought as silage, convert it to a dry basis and calculate hay tonnage. A forage sample is useful in making this conversion.

Plenty of water to make most corn crops. We should have a good grain yield, but silage yields will be cut. However, we should make one of the highest quality silages in a number of years.

We will not be able to process forage samples from July 28 to Aug. 12. The lab is being moved to a new location which will provide better services. We regret the delay.

Phelps reunion set

Decendants and friends of the late Florine Moore Phelps and Tommie T. Phelps will hold their annual reunion on Saturday, August 5 at Holiday Lake, beginning at 1 p.m. with a picnic lunch.

ERNEST BALDWIN, RICKY BALDWIN, JAMES BALDWIN AND MILTON FERGUSON (from left) are shown with a good two-acre crop of darkleaf tobacco. The field is "very uniform," according to Ernest, and is good proof of the summer's good growing conditions to date. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

Variety shop opens in a new location

The Variety Shop, formerly located on Church Street in Appomattox, has moved to a new building on Route 460, west of Appomattox at Sleepy Hollow near Spout Spring.

Frank Falero, owner-operator of the business, notes that there will be a grand opening at the new location Aug. 1-3.

A combination CB/AM-FM radio and 8-track tape player will be given away at a drawing at 5 p.m. Friday for those who have pre-registered for the contest.

As its name implies, the Variety Shop carries a variety of items, ranging from cosmetics to fishing tackle.

Betty Watkins, who runs the store in Falero's absence, notes that "we carry bathroom vanities, toys, tools, knives, antiques, eight-track tapes, and a wide variety of other items and novelties."

She adds, "We invite the public to come down to our new location and browse through the shop during our grand opening, and look over the variety of items we have to offer."

ASCS Today

TOBACCO FARMERS REQUIRED TO CERTIFY THE USE OF PESTICIDE PRODUCTS - To be eligible for price support loans, tobacco farmers will be required to certify that pesticide products used on the crop have been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency and used in accordance with label directions.

It was necessary to extend the current rule with respect to all pesticides as soon as possible since producers soon will be using pesticides on their 1984 tobacco crop. The new rule is effective immediately.

Buyers of tobacco analyze samples to determine whether the quality of tobacco has been adversely affected by the use of pesticides. If the value of the tobacco has been reduced, this may result in larger quantities of undesirable tobacco being pledged as collateral for price support loans.

Previously, program regulations required tobacco producers, as a condition of price support eligibility, to certify as to the use of DDT, TDE, toxaphene or endrin.

The interim rule extends the certification requirement to the use of any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest, and any substance or mixtures of substances intended for use as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant. Producers who fail to certify will be ineligible for government price support loans.

VIRGINIA 1984 CORN PLANTINGS UP - Virginia corn growers have indicated they have planted 750,000 acres this year, 140,000 acres more than in 1983, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's crop acreage report. In 1982, corn plantings in the State totaled 835,000 acres.

National average farm prices for the crop are expected to range between $2.65 and $3.20 per bushel – 10 to 65 cents above the national average loan rate. Farmers averaged about $3.25 a bushel for corn a year ago.

The report indicates farmers intend to harvest for grain 540,000 acres of corn this year compared to 340,000 acres last year and 620,000 acres in 1982.

Local farmers enrolled 179.3 corn base acres in the 1984 feed grain acreage reduction program and designated 17.9 acres for the acreage conservation reserve. These farmers will be eligible to receive price support loans, target price protection and other program benefits.

Nationally, farmers intend to plant 79.9 million acres of corn, 33 percent more than last year, when the acreage reduction program lowered planted acreage to the lowest since records began.

Morris reunion

The Robert Nathaniel Morris family reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 12 at the Woodmen of the World building in Appomattox. Family and friends are invited to attend. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m.

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Promise Land news notes

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The Fleshman family reunion was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to all persons who helped to make it a most enjoyable and spiritful occassion. Also, thanks to all those persons who traveled over our highways to be with them. We hope that they will have a safe trip home.

Those visiting in the Promise Land community were Ms. Morgert Ann Fleshman, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Fleshman, Mr. George Fleshman and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Fleshman, son and grandchildren.

Let us remember our sick and shut-in in our deeds and prayers. Those among the sick are Mrs. Anne Harvey, Mr. John Legrand, Mr. James Fleshman, and Mr. Virgil Fleshman, who has returned from the hospital.

Let us support our neighboring churches during their revivals and homecomings.

Pamplin youth slate car wash

The Pamplin Charge United Methodist Youth Fellowship will hold a car wash at the Pamplin Exxon Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be no set price for a car wash, but donations will be gratefully accepted.

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From Times-Virginian Staff

REPORT OF CONDITION
Consolidating domestic subsidiaries of the
FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF APPOMATTOX

In the state of Virginia, at the close of business on June 30, 1984 published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under title 12, United States Code, Section 161.
Charter Number 11205 Comptroller of the Currency Fifth District
Statement of Resources and Liabilities — Thousands of Dollars

ASSETS

Cash and balances due from depository institutions	
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin	1,544
Interest-bearing balances	NONE
Securities	11,129
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	NONE
Loans and lease financing receivables:	
Loans and leases, net of unearned income	28,532
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses	322
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve	NONE
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance, and reserve	28,210
Assets held in trading accounts	NONE
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)	356
Other real estate owned	38
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies	NONE
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding	NONE
Intangible assets	NONE
Other assets	665
TOTAL ASSETS	41,942

LIABILITIES

Deposits	
In domestic offices	37,798
Noninterest-bearing	5,611
Interest-bearing	32,187
In foreign offices, Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and IBFs	N/A
Noninterest-bearing	N/A
Interest-bearing	N/A
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase in domestic offices of the bank and of its Edge and Agreement subsidiaries, and in IBFs	800
Demand notes issued to the U.S. Treasury	NONE
Other borrowed money	NONE
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases	NONE
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding	NONE
Notes and debentures subordinated to deposits	NONE
Other liabilities	395
TOTAL LIABILITIES	38,993
Limited-life preferred stock	NONE

EQUITY CAPITAL

Perpetual preferred stock	NONE
Common stock	271
Surplus	746
Undivided profits and capital reserves	1,932
Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments	N/A
TOTAL EQUITY CAPITAL	2,949
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital	41,942

I, Mary S. Hudson, Assistant Cashier, of the above named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Mary S. Hudson
July 30, 1994

We, the undersignd directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us, and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.
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